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In re Application of	:	
Gary J. Mullen	:	
Serial No.: 10/656,245	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: September 8, 2003	:	
For: An Apparatus for Treating	:	
Pneumothorax and/or Hemothorax	:	

This is in response to the petition applicant filed on March 29, 2004 to make the above-identified application special under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102(d).

Applicant has satisfied the provisions set forth in M.P.E.P. 708.02, VIII, thus the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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